

Tasking Memorandum No. 99-257

Memorandum For Cdrs DCMDs, DCMC CAOs

Subject: Deployment of Impromptu Version 5.0.304 and Resulting Shared Data Warehouse Version 8.0 Update

Date: August 3, 1999

Suspense Date: Immediate

Target Audience: Cdrs DCMDs, DCMC CAOs, SDW CAO Project Managers, SDW Training Cadre, District Information Technology Directors

Situation:

- In late June, DCMC completed an implementation test of Impromptu 5.0.304.1r97br1.10 at our Manassas test facility. This test was prompted by the many reported problems with the Cognos Impromptu Version 5.X, previously deployed. The purpose of the test was to ensure that the newer version of Impromptu would run in the DCMC environment, and that the updated SDW queries and other programs using Impromptu could continue to do so with no negative effects. The command wide installation of Impromptu 5.0.304 and the deployment of the revised SDW Version 8 queries were delayed until this testing was accomplished.

Requirement(s):

- Install Impromptu Version 5.0.304 and Cognos Portfolio Version 6.0 on all Cognos application user workstations. See attachment below - DCARRs still requires portions of Impromptu 3.5 to operate correctly. The attachment contains an excerpt from the test report, which describes procedures for running DCARRS reports with Impromptu 5.0.304. Remove all other Impromptu 3.5 files.
- Shared Data Warehouse Version 8.0 queries have been rewritten to operate with Impromptu 5.0.304 and should be deployed. The following relevant files have been transferred via file transfer protocol (ftp) to the Districts:
 - Install.doc - Contains the instructions necessary to run the install file sdwq0250.exe. THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE READ PRIOR TO THE INSTALLATION PROCESS.
 - Sdwq0250.exe - This program will be run to build the SDW distribution library at each site. It must be run from a Windows workstation. It is an executable ZIP file containing the complete SDW distribution library. The program allocates the SDW library on the shared network drive specified. THE CURRENT READ ONLY MUST BE REMOVED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. ONCE INSTALLATION IS COMPLETE, THE READ ONLY MUST BE REAPPLIED. An updated SDW online help file with minor changes will also be ftp'd to the Districts within 14 days. However, do not delay the SDW upgrade/deployment waiting for the updated help file. Please ensure that all previous SDW V8 unmodified canned queries (.imr files) and SDW catalog (.cat file) are removed from the shared drives and user machines to avoid confusion and compatibility problems. If users edited previously released canned queries or have other user developed canned queries, they still run the risk that these will not function properly with Impromptu 5.0.304. Users can keep these queries for reference, but will probably need to rewrite them for compatibility reasons.
- District Information Technology personnel should ensure that these upgrades are completed on each and every SDW and Cognos user workstation within 30 days. Should automated methods of

distribution be unavailable via Tivoli, District Information Technology personnel should ensure the CAOs have the capability to "pull" the appropriate files to their offices for distribution and setup. To assist LAN Administrators in identifying SDW users, an SDW users list can be obtained from the cognizant SDW lead for the District.

- Users should report any problems with SDW queries or other Cognos issues to the DCMC Help Desk.

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Attachment

- (1)
- (2) a) DCARRS has 34 built-in queries (reports). We could not initially run these reports using IMPROMPTU 5.0 - through the DCARRS application. After some intensive research, we surmised (and were then advised) that Version 1.53 (production) of DCARRS is still set up to run Version 3.5 of IMPROMPTU, as so many field users still have not upgraded. Version 5.0 of Impromptu has never worked (without a rework) for DCARRS users.
 - b) We then 'hotwired' past the DCARRS front end and went directly to the run macro (DCARRS.MAC). Via this macro, we had our DCARRS test cadre execute each report using IMPROMPTU 5.0.304.
 - c) The Program Manager (Joan Donahue) advised us that she has not yet devised a way to run both versions of Impromptu (3.5, which is 16 bit, as well as 5.0, which is 32 bit) across the nation.
 - d) We then ran Impromptu 5.0 against the DCARRS database without going into DCARRS code at all. Results were satisfactory.
 - e) We then discovered that that we could run against Version 5.0 if we reloaded the 1.53 version of DCARRS and changed default path to the IMPRPOMPTU 3.5 RUNMACRO.EXE as well as the drive/path for the DCARRS application. This works satisfactorily with workstations that still have Impromptu 3.5 installed.

To sum this up, place the following files from Cognos 3.5 into a directory:

Runmacro.exe
Cogsi.dll
Cogsl.dll

Point to that directory.

The following is an example of a dcarrs.ini file with impromptu path corrections and the above files put into that directory:

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[DCARRS INI]
[INITIALIZATION]
LOCAL=PRODUCTION
MAIN_PATH=D:\DCARRS\
IMPROMPTU_PATH=D:\Progra~1\Common~1\Cognos~1\cogmac\5.0\
[DATABASE]
SERVER=DCAR
DBASE=DCAR
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